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**TITLE: Homogenising solid-liq. mixt. of radioactive fuel residue -
allowing
conveyance through ducts without settling or deposition of solids**

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BASIC-ABSTRACT: A residual particle suspension is delivered from a centrifugal decanter (10) to a vessel (16) which is connected in a closed loop with a pump (24) and a mill (26), which breaks up particle agglomerations to produce a more homogeneous mixt., which is then passed through a filter (30), designed to retain any large particles which might otherwise settle in a downstream duct (28). The mill (26) may be ultrasonic or may use a venturi ejector, with or without downstream baffles. Further ultrasonic transducers may be incorporated in decanter (10) to give the suspension a preliminary homogenising treatment and in filter (30) to break up agglomeration further.

USE - Used to treat a residue, contg. highly radioactive particles of Zr, Mo, Ru etc. resulting from dissolving spent nuclear reactor fuel elements in hot nitric acid and sepg. relatively liquid and solid fractions in decanter (10). The homogenising enables the residue to be conveyed, without settling, through a long duct (28) to vitrification plant (32).

ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: EP 472459B

EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS: Process for the treatment of agglomerates of solid particles suspended in a liq. in order to obtain a heterogeneous mixt. and the transfer of the mixt. in deposit-free manner between a transfer

tank (6)
communicating with the bottom of a settling appts. (10) and a
storage tank (32)
by means of a long pipe (28), the process comprising the
following stages:
prior reduction of the grain size of the particles within the settling
appts.
(10) by means of ultrasonic waves, transfer of the particles into
the transfer
tank (16) by gravity, reduction of the grain size of the particles
introduced
into the transfer tank (16) by the circulation of the particles in a
closed
loop (20) having means (26) for disintegrating the agglomerates
until an
average grain size below a first given threshold is obtd. and
transferring the
particles from the transfer tank (16) into the storage tank (32) by
the long
pipe (28), whilst screening the particles in the immediate vicinity
of the
transfer tank (16) so as to retain the particles having a grain size
exceeding
a second given threshold.

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TITLE-TERMS:

**HOMOGENISE SOLID LIQUID MIXTURE RADIOACTIVE FUEL
RESIDUE ALLOW CONVEY THROUGH
DUCT SETTLE DEPOSIT SOLID**

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TITLE: Process and apparatus for treating solid agglomerates, in suspension in a liquid, to ensure that a heterogeneous mixture can be conveyed in pipelines without deposits.

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ABSTRACT:

During their re-processing, the irradiated nuclear fuels are shredded into pieces and then dissolved in a hot nitric solution which is then decanted in a settler

(10). According to the invention, the fines from the dissolving operation collected at the bottom of the settler are broken up before being transferred to a vitrification site. To this end, the fines are directed towards a transfer vessel (16) and they are then circulated in a loop (20) comprising a pump (24) and a waste disintegrator device (26). Finally, transfer to the vitrification site takes place by passing via a screen (30) for fines, for example an ultrasonic screen. The waste disintegrator device (26) may be ultrasonic, of Venturi tube type, or of a type with a Venturi tube and baffle system. Preliminary disintegration may take place actually inside the settler

(10). <IMAGE>

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